

REMARKS

Claims 1-11, 13-17, 19-21 and 23-27 are currently pending. Claims 1-4, 21,23,24,26 and 27 are considered elected. Claims 5-11, 13-17, 19, 20 and 25 are withdrawn. Claims 12, 18 and 22 have been cancelled.

Claims 1, 2, 4, 24, 26, and 27 are amended to correct informalities.

Claim 1 is amended to overcome the rejection under 35 USC 102(e) based on the reference, US Patent No 6,099,469 (Armstrong et al) (as was the case in Amendment of 8/19/2004 filed in response to the Office Action of 7/16/03).

Therefore, the rejection of claims 1-4, 21, 23, 24, 26, and 27 should be withdrawn.

In addition, upon allowance of these generic claims, applicant respectfully requests that withdrawn claims 5-11, 13-17, 19, 20 and 25 be reinstated as being drawn to non-elected species pursuant to 37CFR 1.142(b) and be allowed.

Respectfully submitted,



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